

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to \_\_\_\_\_.

Attachment:     Replacement sheet  
                      Annotated sheet showing changes

**REMARKS**

The specification has been editorially revised. Claims 3, 6-8, 14, and 17 have been amended. New claim 21 has been added. The application as amended contains 21 claims. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

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Claims 1-7 and 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bakx U.S. Patent No. 5,072,435. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Bakx discloses an information recording device with a single control unit 5, a driver circuit 8 and a read circuit 9 which take directions from the control unit 5, and a single memory unit 12. Bakx sends pre-processed directions from the single control unit 5 to the read and driver circuits 8, 9 to perform without further processing. Bakx provides a single memory center 12 which is only connected to the one control unit 5.

Bakx does not disclose or suggest the step of “transmitting said strategy information,” as recited in claim 1 in combination with the other limitations of claim 1.

Please note that the strategy information that is transmitted in step (b) is the strategy information that is read from the information processing apparatus in step (a) of claim 1; and so the claim indicates that the strategy information is transmitted from the information processing apparatus to the recording and reading device, which are otherwise separate from each other. Therefore, the information itself is being transmitted, not merely its effect (i.e. control directions) as in Bakx. Therefore, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn. Claims 2-7 and 12-16 should be allowable along with claim 1.

The allowance of claims 8-11 and 17-20 is gratefully acknowledged.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Attachments



FIG.3

